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JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE



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FOR THE YEAR
1961

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WALLINGFORD AND WANTAGE DISTRICTS
JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my first Annual Report, covering the year 1961. This includes the information required by Circular 1/62 of the Ministry of Health.

For the greater part of the year I was not in office and I gratefully acknowledge the work done by the Public Health Inspectors of the four authorities concerned ; my predecessor, Dr. E. M. Hamilton ; Drs. N. Parfit and R. Handy, who looked after the district between the time Dr. Hamilton left and I arrived ; and my secretary, Mrs. Fudge, who kept things under control during this difficult period.

I have confined my observations to the text of the report, and they will be found under the headings covering the various statistical data.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. R. HOWELL.

POPULATION

There was an overall increase of 4.6% in the population of the combined districts during 1961. This was mainly due to increases of 8.0% in Wallingford Borough and 7.1% in Wallingford Rural District. These figures are, however, somewhat misleading as they are based upon the 1961 census and did not, in fact, occur solely during the one year under review. The actual excess of births over deaths in the combined districts in 1961 was 331 — considerably less than that in 1960 when it was 413. What proportion of the remaining 1,729 (2,060 — 331) increase of population in 1961 was due to immigration during the year and what proportion to correction made by the census returns, it is not possible to say.

District	Area in Acres	Estimated Mid-Year Population		Difference
		1960	1961	
Wallingford Borough	760	4,380	4,730	+ 350
Wantage Urban	2,797	6,000	6,160	+ 160
Wallingford Rural	21,790	18,180	19,470	+ 1,290
Wantage Rural	74,181	16,550	16,810	+ 260
Combined Districts	99,528	45,110	47,170	+ 2,060

BIRTHS

(a) *Live Births*

The total live births during the year was one less than in 1960 but, except for Wallingford Borough, all districts still had higher corrected birth rates than the country as a whole. 53.4% of the live births were males compared with 50.1% in 1960. In the country as a whole 51.5% of live births were males.

District	No. of live births 1961			Birth rate per 1,000 population	Corrected Birth rate per 1,000 population
	Male	Female	Total		
Wallingford Borough	50	34	84	17.7	16.3
Wantage Urban	63	55	118	19.2	17.5
Wallingford Rural	185	155	340	17.5	18.0
Wantage Rural	172	165	337	20.0	19.6
Combined Districts	470	409	879	18.6	
England and Wales*					17.4

(b) *Stillbirths*

The number of stillbirths in 1961 was the same as that in 1959 and 6 more than in 1960. The stillbirth rate was correspondingly higher, at 17.9, than the extremely low figure of 11.2 recorded in 1960. When dealing with comparatively small numbers of births, such annual fluctuations are inevitable. The stillbirth rate for 1961 was still lower than that for the country as a whole.

District	No. of stillbirths		Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births (live and still)	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
Wallingford Borough	3	2		
Wantage Urban	2	4		
Wallingford Rural	1	3		
Wantage Rural	4	7		
Combined Districts	10	16	11.2	17.9
England and Wales*			19.8	19.1

(c) *Illegitimate Live Births*

The total of 34 illegitimate live births in 1961 means that 3.9% of all live births in the combined districts were illegitimate. This compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales of 5.9% and last year's rate of 4.9%.

District	Number of illegitimate births per annum					
	1938	1945	1952	1959	1960	1961
Wallingford Borough	3	5	5	3	5	2
Wantage Urban	3	17	5	6	6	6
Wallingford Rural	11	26	21	8	17	15
Wantage Rural	7	30	15	14	15	11
Combined Districts	24	78	46	31	43	34

DEATHS

(a) *Total Deaths*

The total deaths in all four districts in 1961 were more than in 1960 and the death rates were correspondingly raised. However, the corrected death rates, which take into account the age and sex distribution in the districts and the old people's hospitals, institutions, homes and hostels which exist there, were all considerably

lower than the rate for England and Wales, which was itself higher than the 1960 figure.

District	No. of Deaths 1961			Crude death rate per 1,000 population		Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	
	M	F	Total	1960	1961	1960	1961
Wallingford Borough	39	48	87	18.5	18.4	7.4	9.4
Wantage Urban	31	43	74	10.2	12.0	8.4	8.9
Wallingford Rural	131	112	243	10.2	12.5	7.6	10.8
Wantage Rural	80	64	144	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.1
Combined Districts	281	267	548	10.4	11.6		
England and Wales*						11.5	12.0

(b) *Infant Mortality*

It is pleasing to be able to report a fall in the infant mortality rate from the rather high figure recorded in 1960. The 1961 total of 13 infant deaths under 12 months was, in fact, the same as that for 1959 but the infant mortality rate was lower than the 1959 figure as there were 38 more births in 1961. Thus the decline in infant mortality in the district, which was interrupted by the 1960 rise, has been resumed. The rate is considerably below the figure for England and Wales. Of the 13 infant deaths under one year, 10 occurred during the first four weeks of life and of these 9 were during the first week of life.

District	No. of infant deaths under 12 months of age		Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
Wallingford Borough	1	0		
Wantage Urban	4	0		
Wallingford Rural	10	8		
Wantage Rural	5	5		
Combined Districts	20	13	22.7	14.8
England and Wales*			21.9	21.6

* Figures for England and Wales for 1961 are provisional.

(c) *Deaths by Cause*

Deaths from diseases of the respiratory system, excluding lung cancer, numbered 94, the highest figure for many years. The increase was accounted for by the very large number of deaths from

pneumonia, 59, while those from respiratory tuberculosis, bronchitis and influenza remained about the average for the past few years. There were again no deaths from poliomyelitis, diphtheria or whooping cough.

There were 91 deaths from coronary heart disease, a sharp rise which reflects the national statistics. This represents an annual death rate of approximately 1.9 per 1,000 population, compared with approximately 2.1 per 1,000 for England and Wales. Together with deaths from other diseases of the heart and circulation, which totalled 190, the 91 deaths from coronary heart disease brought the overall figure of deaths from circulatory disorders to 281 — well over half the total deaths. This again reflects the national statistics.

Deaths from cancer of all forms numbered 78. Of these 19 were cancer of the lung. This latter figure represents a rate of approximately 0.4 per 1,000 population. Although this is higher than last year, it is still below the rate for England and Wales, which is approximately 0.5 per 1,000 population. This lower rate is to be expected in a rural community as the national figure includes the large towns where atmospheric pollution assists the deadly effects of heavy cigarette smoking.

The complete statistics appear on pages 8 and 9.

(d) *Maternal Mortality*

There was one death during the year attributable to pregnancy and childbirth. This was a singularly tragic one, being a young girl, aged only 15 years, who died in an unmarried mothers' home of pulmonary embolism following thrombo-phlebitis of the pelvic veins.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The total of 755 notifications was considerably higher than that for 1960. This however was entirely due to the 673 cases of measles (291 more than 1960), 1961 being an epidemic year. There was an increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis notified but this does not reflect an upward trend. It was the result of the mobile mass radiography survey which started in the district just before Christmas 1960. New notifications of tuberculosis in the country as a whole continue to fall gradually. There were, once again, no cases of poliomyelitis. The number of notifications of whooping cough showed a substantial decrease but it was still higher than one could wish (in spite of an improvement in the number of immunisations against the disease).

CAUSES OF DEATH — 1961

Causes	Wallingford Borough		Wantage U.D.		Wallingford R.D.		Wantage R.D.		Combined Districts
	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	1	2	4	4	3	3	12
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	5	4	—	6	6	3	4	19
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	—	1	1	4	15	7	6	4	38
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	15	8	9	10	20	10	10	86

Coronary disease, angina
Hypertension with heart disease
Other heart diseases
Other circulatory diseases
Influenza
Pneumonia
Bronchitis
Other diseases of the respiratory system
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea
Nephritis and nephrosis
Hyperplasia of prostate
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion
Congenital malformations
Other defined and ill-defined diseases
Motor vehicle accidents
All other accidents
Suicide
Homicide and operations of war

2	7	9	2	6	8	28	16	44	21	9	30	91
—	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	1	2	2	4	8
7	6	13	4	3	7	25	21	46	6	9	15	81
1	2	3	2	1	3	1	4	5	1	3	4	15
—	—	—	3	—	3	4	—	4	1	1	2	9
5	5	10	—	4	4	8	24	32	8	5	13	59
3	—	3	1	1	2	4	1	5	5	2	7	17
1	—	1	—	1	1	2	1	3	—	1	1	6
1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	1	3
6	8	14	—	8	8	9	9	18	7	9	16	56
—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	2	1	3	7
2	2	4	—	—	1	2	4	6	2	1	3	14
1	—	1	1	—	2	2	1	3	—	—	—	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
39	48	87	31	43	74	131	112	243	80	64	144	548
Total												

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	W'f'd Boro	Wantage U.D.	W'f'd R.D.	Wantage R.D.	Total 1961	Total 1960
Measles	114	78	274	207	673	382
Whooping cough	—	14	3	13	30	54
Puerpural Pyrexia	—	—	—	1	1	—
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	1	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	—	2	2	3	7	3
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	1	1	5
Scarlet Fever	—	3	2	2	7	50
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	3
Pneumococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	5	1	—	4	10	4
Malaria B.T.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary T.B.	3	2	6	9	20	12
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1	1	3	—	5	2
Total	123	102	290	240	755	516

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

There was a considerable fall in the number of third injections against poliomyelitis given to children in 1961. This was almost certainly due to the fact that the backlog of third injections had been finished by 1960. The number of second injections was also slightly smaller in 1961, but this reduction is apparent rather than real as the age group has been reduced numerically by including only those children aged up to 16 years, instead of up to 18 years as in 1960. Those between 16 and 18 years of age are included in the adult figures. Fourth injections were started during the year for the age group 1949 — 1956. The numbers of injections given to adults also fell in 1961 but this was to be expected as the pool of unvaccinated adults must have decreased considerably.

Figures for primary vaccination against smallpox were higher in 1961 in all districts except Wallingford Borough. The rise was mainly in the age group under 1 year. These figures were not, of course, affected by the recent outbreak of smallpox which did not start until early 1962. The effects of this will be reflected in the 1962 statistics.

Immunisation against whooping cough and diphtheria also showed some improvement, especially in Wantage Urban and Rural Districts. There is, however, still room for improvement.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION 1961

District	Children			Adults	
	Born 1946-1961 2nd	Born 1946-1961 3rd	Born 1949-1956 4th	2nd	3rd
Wallingford Borough	85	92	417	130	307
Wallingford Rural	382	312	1550	533	1086
Wantage Urban	187	116	486	234	452
Wantage Rural	435	326	1212	536	939
Combined Districts	1089	846	3665	1433	2784

SMALLPOX VACCINATION 1961

District	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	51	11	—	—	62
Re-Vacc	—	—	—	—	—
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	220	8	—	—	228
Re-Vacc	—	2	7	—	9
Wantage Urban					
Primary	81	11	—	—	92
Re-Vacc	—	—	10	5	15
Wantage Rural					
Primary	225	12	—	—	237
Re-Vacc	—	—	3	5	8
Combined Districts	577	44	20	10	651

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION 1961

District	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	45	6	—	—	51
Booster	—	—	27	—	27
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	215	27	—	—	242
Booster	—	2	11	—	13
Wantage Urban					
Primary	80	13	—	—	93
Booster	—	—	30	—	30
Wantage Rural					
Primary	210	13	—	—	223
Booster	—	—	22	—	22
Combined Districts	550	61	90		701

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1961

District	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	50	12	—	—	62
Booster	—	—	36	—	36
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	192	37	—	—	229
Booster	—	—	74	—	74
Wantage Urban					
Primary	83	19	—	—	102
Booster	—	—	87	—	87
Wantage Rural					
Primary	210	39	—	—	249
Booster	—	5	56	—	61
Combined Districts	535	112	253	—	900

BOROUGH OF WALLINGFORD

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied with water from main piped supplies.

Twenty-four samples of chlorinated water in distribution were taken for bacteriological examination. All samples were satisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage from the whole of the Borough is pumped for treatment to the Wallingford Rural District Council's disposal works at Cholsey and this arrangement has continued to work satisfactorily.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of refuse from all properties in the Borough has been maintained satisfactorily throughout the year and the Council has continued to use the Wallingford Rural District Council's tip for disposal.

RODENT CONTROL

Summary of work carried out.

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Dwelling houses	134	92
Business Premises	45	28
Local Authority Premises	155	23
	<hr/> 334	<hr/> 143

MILK SUPPLIES

Two dairies are registered for the retail sale of milk.

Nineteen samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination and all samples passed the appropriate tests.

ICE CREAM

Seventeen premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream. No Ice Cream is manufactured in the Borough.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS

All premises selling ice cream in the Borough comply with the Regulations.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering is carried out at one slaughterhouse in the Borough and the condition of the premises has been completely satisfactory.

The following tables give details of carcasses and offal inspected :

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	193	29	48	595	270
Number Inspected	193	29	48	595	270
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	2	2	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	23	3	1	30	12
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	11.9	10.3	6.2	5.4	4.8
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	7
Percentage of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	3.0
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	2	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

The following quantities of unsound food were also examined and voluntarily surrendered :

Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	72 tins
Tinned Fish	12 tins
Tinned Meat	124 lbs.
Fresh Meat	3 lbs.
Fresh Fish	54 lbs.
Dried Fruit	60 lbs.
Chickens	136

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All fresh meat condemned as unfit for human consumption is sprayed with liquid acid green and destroyed. All condemned tinned food is disposed of by the Local Authority with their refuse.

FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF BUSINESS

(a) Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	8
(b) Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	12
(c) Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	2
(d) Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	..	2
(including one under (c))						
(e) Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	6
(f) Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	8
(g) Hotels catering for non-residents	..	..	..	..	..	3
(h) Bakers	..	..	..	..	..	4

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

(a) Sale of Ice Cream	..	..	..	..	17
(b) Manufacture of Sausages	..	..	..	..	8

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES

Eighteen inspections were carried out. Informal action was taken in respect of minor faults found.

BAKEHOUSES

There are four bakehouses in the Borough. All were inspected and their condition was satisfactory.

HOUSING AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No houses were erected by the Borough Council during the year. 136 houses were erected by private enterprise.

7 individual houses were represented as unfit for habitation.

The Council operate a small camping and caravan site at their Riverside Park for holiday purposes only, the maximum stay permitted being fourteen days.

BATHING PLACE

The Borough Council own and maintain an open air swimming pool and a paddling pool at the Riverside Park near Wallingford Bridge.

The recirculation and purification plant installed last year has functioned satisfactorily and there has been a considerable improvement in the purity of the water.

Twenty-four samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from the swimming pool and plant during the season. The results of the samples were satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	26	14	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	8	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	51	22	—	—

2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

2 — Sanitary conveniences insufficient (Remedied)

2 — Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective (Remedied)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — Nil.

WANTAGE URBAN DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLIES

The construction of a new 440,000 gallons capacity service reservoir adjacent to the existing 250,000 gallons capacity reservoir at Chainhill has been completed by the Thames Valley Water Board. The additional storage facilities provided will be most helpful but, with the rapid increase in development in Wantage and at Grove, means will have to be adopted to increase the volume of water available for consumption.

On the 1st of April the Council relinquished its duties as agents on engineering matters to the Thames Valley Water Board.

17 Samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and of these 1 showed slight contamination with coliform organisms. Repeat samples of the latter have proved satisfactory on examination.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The old culvert sewers in the central area of the town have been replaced with a new system of sewers in concrete or spun iron pipes and varying from 6 inch to 24 inch diameter.

Satisfactory effluents continue to be obtained from the Bradfield Farm Sewage Disposal Works, but, with the increase in development which is taking place in Wantage and Grove, the capacity of the Works will have to be greatly increased.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of Domestic and Trade Refuse from all properties in this area has been maintained throughout the year.

The tip at "S" Hill is being worked satisfactorily and will provide tipping space for some years.

RODENT CONTROL

59 premises were surveyed under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1960 as a result of notification of infestation.

A further 185 premises were examined for rodent infestation during inspections for other purposes.

One major and 33 minor infestations were found and treated.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Haven Vale Caravan Site, Grove Street, licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, for 27 moveable dwellings has been regularly inspected. The sanitary and ablution arrangements are satisfactory and well maintained.

1 moveable dwelling situated in another part of the area has been issued with a licence for a limited period.

CEMETERY

The Parochial Church Council has informed this Council of its intention to relinquish the duties of a Burial Authority in the near future when the existing cemetery has reached its capacity. The Council is therefore seeking to acquire land at Chainhill as an extension to the present cemetery and to take over the duties of a Cemetery Authority.

HOUSING

	1960	1961
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Number of permanent houses erected	109	54
Number of permanent houses erected by the Local Authority	42	—
Number of permanent houses erected by Private enterprise	67	54
Number of temporary houses erected	—	—
Number of families on housing list	197	219

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Number of persons dealt with under Section 47	Nil
Number of persons dealt with under Section 50	Nil

PUBLIC BATHS

There is one open air swimming pool owned and operated by the Urban District Council. The pool is emptied, cleansed and refilled weekly with water from the public mains. No filtration or purification plan is installed at present the water being occasionally hand dosed with a chlorine solution.

Consideration is now being given for the construction of a modern open air swimming pool on a site at the Recreation Grounds in Newbury Street.

DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Number of premises disinfected during the year — Nil.

LICENSED PREMISES

There are 17 licensed premises in the area, 14 of which have been inspected involving 23 visits. Improvements have been carried out to the sanitary accommodation at two of these premises.

SHOPS ACT

Number of shops in the district	98
Number of shops inspected ..	70
Number of inspections ..	95

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse in the area and licences to slaughter animals have been granted to two persons.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	117	8	13	116	—
Number inspected	117	8	13	116	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	8	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	6.84%	—	—	—	—
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

The following items were found, on inspection at premises other than slaughterhouses to be unfit for human consumption, and were voluntarily surrendered :—

5 tins Chopped Pork, 140 lbs. Smoked Bacon, 2 tins Corned Beef and 9 cartons Marshmallows.

Unsound meat is sterilized and used for animal food. Other unsound foods are buried under Council supervision.

FOOD AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 54 food premises in the area as follows :—

Butchers	..	..	..	8
Wet Fish Shops	..	..		1
Fried Fish Shops	..	..		2
Grocers and General Stores	..			20
Greengrocers	..	..	..	3
Bakers and Confectioners	..			3
Bakehouses	..	..	..	2
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	6
Hotels	..	..	..	6
Restaurants	..	..	..	3

49 premises have been visited with a total of 61 visits. The standard of cleanliness in food premises is generally satisfactory. As a result of informal action 1 shop was brought to the standard of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

ICE CREAM

21 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. All licensed premises have been inspected during the year, the total number of visits being 31. The premises were found to be satisfactory in respect of the storage and sale of ice cream.

20 samples of ice cream were obtained for bacteriological examination all of which were placed in Provisional Grade I.

MILK SUPPLIES

There are two retailers of milk in the district both of whom hold licences to sell Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested Milk and there are also five shops in the district from which milk is sold in pre-packed containers.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR DURING 1961

				<i>No. of properties or sites visited</i>	<i>Total No. of visits made</i>
Water sampling	..	..	16		22
Sewerage Disposal	..	..	1		20
Refuse Tip	..	..	1		41
Moveable Dwellings	..	..	2		14
Public Baths	..	..	1		27
Licensed Premises	..	..	14		23
Shops	..	..	70		95
Food Shops	..	..	49		61
Ice Cream Shops	..	..	21		31
Slaughterhouses	..	..	1		60
Unfit Food	..	..	5		8
Milk Shops	..	..	5		12
General House Inspection	..		147		197
Disinfection of Premises	..		—		—
Drainage Inspection	..	..	29		51
Rodent Control	..	..	59		141
Miscellaneous Visits	..	..	9		16
Number of different premises inspected					430
Number of visits made					819
Number of complaints received					43
Number of defects or nuisances discovered					57
Number of nuisances abated					52
Number of notices : Formal					Nil
Informal					57

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	21	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	25	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)	7	9	—	—
Total	48	55	—	—

2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Nil.

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Outwork — Nil.

WALLINGFORD RURAL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

While the water supply to the area is now furnished by the Thames Valley Water Board, the usual sources are, as formerly, Aston Tirrold, Cholsey, South Moreton and West Hagbourne, although facilities are now available to bring water into the area from the Board's sources at Blewbury and Cleeve via new link mains. Storage is provided at Aston Tirrold Reservoir and Hagbourne Reservoir as formerly.

EXTENSIONS TO THE SUPPLY SYSTEM

The following mains have been laid in the year ended 31st December, 1961 :—

Chilton to West Hagbourne		
Reservoir		1,760 yds. of 6" Link Main
North Stoke to Cholsey		4,000 yds. of 6" Main Extension
Park Road, Didcot		770 yds. of 4" Main
Manor Road, Didcot		153 yds. of 4" Main
Slade Road, Didcot		63 yds. of 4" Main
		75 yds. of 3" Main
King Alfred Drive, Didcot		15 yds. of 3" Main
Park Road Estate, Didcot		1,120 yds. of 4" Main

Water samples as detailed below were collected during the year :

	Aston Tirrold		Cholsey		S. Moreton		W. Hagbourne	
	Raw Water	Final Water	Raw Water	Final Water	Raw Water	Final Water	Raw Water	Final Water
1. WORKS	14	9	2	8	11	11	18	7
	Aston Tirrold Reservoir				W. Hagbourne Reservoir			
2. STORAGE			2				4	
3. TAP AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM								
	6							

In all, therefore, 92 samples were examined from the area.

Of the raw water, 21 out of 45 showed slight contamination with coli-aerogenes organisms.

Of the 47 samples of final water, stored water and distributed water, four only fell a little below the highest standard of bacterial purity and Bact. Coli (Type I) Organisms were absent from 100 mls. in all cases.

In general, therefore, the water supply can be said to be pure and wholesome.

CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FINAL WATER RESULTS GIVEN IN PARTS PER MILLION WHERE APPROPRIATE

	Aston Tirrold	Cholsey	S. Moreton	W. Hagbourne
Appearance ..	clear & bright	clear & bright	clear & bright	clear & bright
Colour	nil	nil	nil	nil
Odour	nil	nil	nil	nil
pH value	7.3	7.0	7.3	7.0
Chlorides	12.0	22.0	17.0	10.5
Hardness :				
Total as Ca CO ₃	210	362	410	335
Carbonate ..	190	240	370	275
Non-Carbonate	20	122	40	60
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	0.000	0.005	0.35	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	0.010	0.020	—	0.035
Nitrate (N) ..	Absent	Absent	—	Absent
Nitrite (N) ..	3.8	1.6	—	3.3
Iron	nil	less than 0.02	less than 0.02	less than 0.02
Other metals ..	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Oxygen Absorbed (4 hrs. @ 27°C.)	0.10	0.15	1.00	0.25
Total dissolved solids	235	485	—	415

From the above analyses the water would not be expected to be plumbo solvent, and no tests for lead were carried out during the year.

On 17th January, 1961, the presence of sand was reported in the water supply to parts of Didcot and prolonged flushing of mains in the area was required to remove all traces of sand from the distribution system.

The source of the trouble was traced to a borehole at the Hagbourne Works.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council commenced work on a comprehensive scheme of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the villages of Long and Little Wittenham which will be the last villages to be provided with main drainage by the Council. The works are scheduled to come into operation in April, 1962.

The Council has also started work on a scheme to enlarge the Cholsey Sewage Disposal Works, which deals with sewage from Wallingford Borough, Cholsey Village, Fairmile Hospital and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. The extended works should be operating by early 1963.

A short length of 15" diameter sewer has been laid in Lydalls Close, Didcot, which will eventually form part of a new trunk sewer.

Work on a new 24" diameter outfall sewer from Station Road, Didcot, to Didcot Sewage Disposal Works was started during the latter part of the year.

The Council's Sewage Disposal Works treated a total of 446,794,000 gallons of sewage during 1961.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the district.

REFUSE COLLECTION

STAFF. 1 Foreman and 10 men. (One man is employed full-time on tip control work).

EQUIPMENT.

One 25 cubic yard Karrier.

One 25 cubic yard S. & D. Freighter.

One 15 cubic yard Karrier.*

One Fordson Major half-track vehicle equipped with dozer blade.

* The 15 cubic yard Karrier is 12 years old, and will be replaced by a new vehicle in 1962.

COLLECTION. Kerbside collection once per week. A charge of £1 per annum is made for additional service where refuse is collected from the back-door.

DISPOSAL. By controlled tipping at Pearith Gravel Pits, Long Wittenham.

TRADE REFUSE. No charge is made at present for the collection of trade refuse. A charge of 5/- per load is made for the disposal of such refuse on the tip.

GENERAL. The Council provide tipping facilities at the Pearith Tip for refuse from the following sources :—

Wallingford Borough,
Wantage R.D.C.,
A.E.R.E. Harwell.

SALVAGE. Salvage operations are at present confined to the recovery of cardboard, rags, woollens, mixed metals, steel and cast iron.

RODENT CONTROL

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN 1961.

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Local Authority Premises	395	90
Dwelling Houses	442	284
Business Premises	81	41
Agricultural Properties	485	151
Total	1403	566

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district which comply with the new standards of fitness, i.e.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Owner</i>
The Cholsey Slaughterhouse Ilges Lane, Cholsey.	The Cholsey Meat Supply Co. Ltd.
The Slaughterhouse, 5 Hagbourne Road, Didcot.	Messrs. H. Andrews & Sons.

Details of meat inspection carried out during the period are set out in the following table :—

MEAT INSPECTION, 1961

	Cows	Steers	Heifers	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Lambs
January	—	15	7	1	67	6	21
February	1	6	10	3	56	—	17
March	—	13	9	5	69	8	24
April	1	10	11	4	49	12	10
May	—	12	16	2	58	5	26
June	—	4	12	2	34	1	24
July	—	4	8	3	28	—	53
August	—	—	6	3	50	1	55
September	1	—	17	6	48	—	58
October	—	10	16	7	76	—	50
November	2	7	16	5	77	—	41
December	1	4	14	3	84	2	18
TOTAL	6	85	142	44	696	35	397

Tuberculosis

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcasses/ organs	1	—	—	—	8	—	—
%	16.66	—	—	—	1.15	—	—

Cysticercus Bovis

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcasses organs	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
%	—	1.22	—	—	—	—	—

Diseases other than T.B. and

Cysticercus Bovis

Whole carcasses	—	—	1	2	—	—
Part carcasses organs	3	34	1	43	—	9
%	0.50	14.34	4.54	6.46	—	0.22

WEIGHTS CONDEMNED

Whole carases	..	..	..	..	198 lbs.
Part Carcases	..	..	..	..	102
Meat ..	..	..	..	..	114
Offal ..	..	..	..	..	413
Total					<hr/> 827 lbs. <hr/>

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FOODS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

FRESH FOODS		<i>Weight</i>
2,210 Poultry		9,399 lbs.
Meat		416
12 Rabbits		41
Prunes		2,645
CANNED FOODS		
Fruit and Vegetables	1,548 cans	4,200 lbs.
Meat	124	378 „
Fish	121	73 „
Mixed Pickles	1 jar	28 „
Total		<hr/> 17,180 lbs. <hr/>

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

MILK. There is one milk bottling plant in the district. All milk retailed in this area is designated. Three samples of T.T. Pasteurised milk were taken during the year, which were reported upon as satisfactory. One complaint was received concerning a dirty milk bottle. The Council sent a letter of warning to the dealer concerned.

ICE CREAM. One Cafe proprietor in the district is registered for the manufacture of ice cream, and there are 48 business premises registered for the sale and storage of pre-packed ice cream. No samples were taken during the period under review.

GENERAL. Food shops are inspected as often as possible, but I should like to maintain more frequent inspections of such premises.

The following complaints were dealt with during the year :—

1. Complaint re. vans delivering bread with the back doors open. Representations were made to the firm concerned, and the practice was stopped.
2. Complaint received concerning a sugar egg with a sharp edged plastic trinket inside, purchased in Brighton. Referred to the Public Health Department, Brighton Corporation for investigation.

3. Complaint re. bread contaminated with grease from baking machine. Letter of warning sent to firm concerned.
4. Complaint re. "cocktail crystals". Public Analyst reported excess of tartaric acid in mixture. Complainant advised accordingly.
5. Complaint re. chocolate coated peanuts. Referred to manufacturers concerned for investigation.
6. Complaint re. bread contaminated by flying insect in crust. Letter of warning to bakery concerned. Bakery inspected and notice served re. cleansing and decoration.
7. Complaint re. packet of pearl barley. Public Analyst reported negative findings. Complainant notified accordingly.

STATISTICS

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Food Factories and Warehouses	..	6
General Grocery	.. ..	55
Butchers	.. ..	11
Chemists	.. ..	4
Cafes	.. ..	3
Public Houses	.. ..	22
Travelling Food Vehicles	.. ..	6
Greengrocers	.. ..	4
Confectioners	.. ..	5
Fish Shops	.. ..	4
Hotels with catering licence	.. ..	6
Bakeries	.. ..	3

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Manufacture of Ice Cream	.. ..	1
Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	.. ..	48
Fish Frying	.. ..	3
Sausage Making	.. ..	5
Bakehouses	.. ..	3

NOTICES SERVED DURING 1961

	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
General Defects	5	2
Drainage	7	2
Defective Dustbins	2	1
Offensive Accumulation	1	—
Defective Sanitary Accommodation	2	—
Overgrown Ditches	1	1
Food Hygiene	1	—
	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 6
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ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council has adopted byelaws which make it compulsory for all new solid fuel appliances installed in dwellings to be of an approved pattern capable of burning smokeless fuel. Towards the end of the year, the Council agreed to circularise the occupiers of all new property, seeking their co-operation in the use of smokeless fuel. It will be some time before the success of this scheme can be judged.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

During the year, 1961, 4 persons were buried by the Local Authority under the provisions of Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

PUBLIC BATHS

There is one swimming bath in the district open to the public during the summer months. It is situated in the grounds of the Shillingford Bridge Hotel. No samples of swimming bath water have been taken.

CARAVANS

No progress was made during the year with the Council's proposed caravan site in Didcot. Permanent site licences were issued in respect of 5 privately owned sites, providing accommodation for approximately 183 residential caravans and 80 holiday caravans. Two of these sites have now been improved to a satisfactory standard, improvements are in progress on one site, and the two other sites remain to be dealt with.

HOUSING

During the year four individual cottages were closed, and the tenants were re-housed in suitable Council accommodation.

The Council built no additional new dwellings during the year, 1961. The number of applicants on the waiting list for accommodation is approximately 600.

The Council hope to proceed with a small building programme during the year 1962.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	34	39	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	36	43	—	—

2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND — Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — 74 (Making of wearing apparel).

WANTAGE RURAL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

MILK

All milk sold in the district is subject to the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations. Licences permitting the sale of milk under Special Designations are now granted by the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority.

A list of licences valid for five years was received from the County Council with a request that sampling be continued by Local Authorities. There are in fact six dealers' and one pasteuriser's licences in force.

Routine sampling was carried out as follows :—

Tuberculin tested	..	..	2
Pasteurised	..	..	10

With one exception all samples satisfied both methylene blue and phosphatase tests which relate to the keeping quality and efficiency of pasteurisation respectively. The one exception was a sample of milk supplied to the Church of England School, Compton by Newbury Creameries Ltd., which failed the phosphatase test. This matter was taken up with the Berkshire County Council and repeat samples proved to be satisfactory.

CREAM

During the year 10 samples of cream were taken from Elm Farm Dairy, Grove and a number of swab tests were made on the separating and pasteurising plant. Earlier results indicated that some slight contamination was occurring but following certain works of improvement a higher standard was achieved.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 72 catering establishments in the district. This number includes licensed premises. 97 visits were made to these premises and conditions were found to be generally satisfactory but improvements were requested in six instances. In each case the necessary work was put in hand without the necessity of formal action.

There are, in addition, a number of kitchens serving the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Establishments at Harwell and Grove but these are not, at the moment, open to normal routine inspections.

SHOPS

There are 73 shops in the district and of these all but seven are food premises. 140 visits were made to such premises during the year and in most cases conditions were satisfactory. However 11

instances of contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations were discovered but these were promptly remedied.

In addition to the above there is a small coffee packing factory which has been regularly visited and considerable improvement in staff sanitary and washing facilities was achieved during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There were five bakehouses in use in the district during the year but one of these fell into disuse after a short time. 10 inspections were made resulting in one verbal request for provision of adequate washing facilities. The owner readily complied with this request.

MOBILE FOOD TRADERS AND FRUIT STALLS

During the year 14 mobile food traders were found to be operating in the district in addition to the ice cream vendors. With three exceptions all the vans have their depots in other districts and the respective authorities were asked to exercise the necessary control. In general, conditions were found to be satisfactory and where open food was handled suitable washing facilities were provided.

Four fruit stalls were in use during the respective seasons and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

There are 48 registered ice cream premises in the district and in addition a number of catering and licensed establishments sell prepacked ice cream.

17 samples of ice cream were taken during the year. 13 were reported grade 1 but the remaining four, all produced by one manufacturer, fell into grades 2 or 3 indicating a degree of bacterial activity. The matter was taken up with the firm and subsequent samples all fell into grade 1.

All the larger ice cream producing companies have vans operating in the district. These were inspected when possible and in all cases a high standard of hygiene was apparent.

FOOD INSPECTION

The following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

113 lbs. canned and other meat products.

SEWERAGE EFFLUENT

During the year two series of samples of drainage effluent were taken from Elm Farm Dairy, Grove and the Public Analyst's reports indicated that they did not conform to the standard laid down in agreement with the Wantage Urban District Council. An assurance was given by the owners that greater control would be exercised over the milking sheds where trouble appeared to originate.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

One slaughterhouse and one knackers yard are licensed in the district but the latter is used only rarely. Regular visits were made to the former for purposes of meat inspection and conditions were always found to be satisfactory.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows Cows		Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed (if known)	40	177	212	242	533	320
Number inspected	40	177	212	242	533	320
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	11	7	1	9	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	20	1	1	29	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	12.5	17.5	3.8	.8	7.1	.3
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was — 4,374 lbs.

REFUSE COLLECTION

4,375 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of at the refuse tips at Farnborough, Hermitage and Stanford. A “Brayloader” was used to level refuse and provide covering material.

A kerbside collection of refuse was made fortnightly throughout the district with one housing estate near Wantage having weekly collections.

The vehicles in regular use on the service were two S. & D. Fore and Aft Tippers. A Dennis 10 cu. yd. Side Loader was used occasionally when required.

7 men were employed on the service, two drivers, four loaders and a tipman/fitter who carried out maintenance work on the vehicles in addition to levelling etc. at the refuse tips.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

All sewage tanks serving Council Houses are emptied once every month while cesspools are emptied once every two months. In addition, the vehicle is available for private work. During the year it was found possible to maintain the charge at the previous years' figure of £1 15s 0d. per load, with reductions for subsequent loads etc.

Number of emptyings of Council sewage tanks	144
Number of emptyings of Council cesspools	82
Number of emptyings of private tanks and cesspools	453
Income from emptying of private tanks, etc.	£1,125 8s. 10d.
Number of gallons of sewage pumped	1,168,800

WATER CRESS BEDS

Little progress was made during the year in securing the chlorine dosing of water cress in spite of reminders to the growers. Additional information on methods of sterilization has been furnished to growers in the district and it is hoped that eventually they will co-operate in this matter. In the meantime the production of cress continued on a small scale only at Letcombe, Childrey and Ginge. The beds at Blewbury were not used during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

A piped supply of water is available in all parishes. In each case a borehole is the source of supply. There are 4 separate schemes, but these have been linked so that a deficiency at one bore may be augmented from another.

32 samples of water were taken from these various sources and were generally found to be of high bacteriological standard.

In addition there are a number of private supplies ranging from individual wells to the larger schemes at South Fawley, Catmore and the Lockinge Estate.

68 samples were taken from these private supplies with varying results. In every instance where a polluted supply was discovered and a mains connection was not possible, advice was given on methods of treatment. In most cases considerable improvement was achieved.

Particular reference must be made to the Lockinge Estate Supply at Ardington Wick which showed evidence of some pollution early in the year. Every effort was made to achieve the required standard

by cleansing operations and structural work and by the end of the year samples were beginning to show signs of improvement.

Parish	Acres	Pop.	No. of Houses		No. of Houses Connected to Water Mains		Sewerage
			Council	Private	Council	Private	
Ardington	2693	355	—	129	—	120	Yes
E. Challow	1657	670	90	141	90	131	Yes
W. Challow	1070	184	16	39	16	35	Yes
Childrey	2929	433	42	111	42	110	Yes
Denchworth	1051	149	12	42	12	40	
Goosey	946	121	6	34	6	25	
Grove	2513	1741	118	391	118	344	Yes
E. Hanney	2200	610	44	142	44	135	Yes
W. Hanney	1333	383	28	103	28	102	Yes
E. Hendred	3198	1320	86	348	86	334	Yes
W. Hendred	2002	322	29	74	29	69	
L. Regis	2155	458	42	111	42	106	Yes
L. Bassett	1631	156	12	46	12	46	*
Lockinge	3763	259	—	91	—	87	Yes
Sparsholt	3329	263	30	65	30	62	*
Aldworth	1886	202	12	56	12	50	*
Beedon	2096	376	22	104	22	99	*
Blewbury	4246	1157	64	281	64	263	Yes
Brightwalton	2054	286	18	94	18	86	*
Catmore	710	42	—	17	—	10	
Chaddleworth	3400	424	46	103	46	99	*
Chilton	1448	761	44	182	44	173	Yes
Compton	3803	1010	74	258	74	245	Yes
Farnborough	1886	95	4	33	4	31	
Fawley	2190	149	5	44	5	40	*
H. Norris	4479	676	52	178	52	160	*
Hermitage	1482	639	7	200	7	183	*
Harwell	2503	2166	90	493	90	467	Yes
E. Ilsley	3017	427	40	98	40	85	Yes
W. Ilsley	3037	258	8	85	8	79	
Peasemore	2049	169	12	57	12	39	
Upton	1413	289	25	81	25	72	
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* Small disposal works in existence for Council houses only.

Number of dwelling houses connected to the mains	..	4999
Population connected to water mains (approx.)	..	16465
Number of dwelling houses supplied by S/pipes (approx.)		22
Population supplied by S/pipes (Est.)	.. ..	85

RODENT CONTROL

Number of complaints received ..	171
Number of infestations	536

In addition, any infestations found at the A.E.R.E., Harwell and Grove, and also Council owned properties throughout the area were effectively dealt with during the year.

AGRICULTURAL

Number of Contracts	36
Value of Contracts	£802
Treated at least once per month.	

CARAVANS

During the year an effort was made to improve the living conditions of caravan dwellers by encouraging the occupation of caravans only on the large licensed sites at Grove, Harwell and Blewbury where proper sanitary facilities and other amenities were available.

One unauthorised site of 16 caravans was closed, the Council having to find housing accommodation for one family.

12 of the twenty sites reserved for Council nominees were occupied by other families displaced from unsuitable sites previously licensed for a temporary period.

40 site licences were issued during the year, 37 of these contained a "run down" clause and permission to use the site for a limited period.

HOUSING

During the year the selection of tenants for new Council Houses again formed an important part of the work of the Public Health Department.

New Council Houses were built and occupied as follows :—

Upton	3	East Ilsley	8
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Families were re-housed from unfit houses as follows :—

Peasemore	1	West Hanney	1
East Ilsley	1	West Ilsley	1
East Hendred	1		

Houses in the following parishes were demolished during the year :—

Chaddleworth	2	Ardington	4
Grove	2	West Hanney	1
Brightwalton	3	East Hendred	2

During the year 66 properties were improved with the assistance of an Improvement Grant made by the Council under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. In addition, improvements to 17 properties were carried out with the aid of Standard Grants.

SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1961

Number of different premises visited	..	..	..	2695
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	3512
Number of complaints received	..	..	..	337
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	..	..	..	278
Number of notices served : informal	..	..	..	20
statutory	..	..	..	1
Number of prosecutions	..	..	..	Nil
Number of nuisances abated :				
as to privies and W.C's, sink wastes, etc.	..	..	..	16
as to drains and cesspools	..	..	..	78
as to pigs and other animals	..	..	..	2
as to deficient or impure water	..	..	..	5
as to unclean houses	..	..	..	2
as to polluted ditches and streams	..	..	..	3
as to insanitary accumulations and deposits	..	..	..	2
as to other defects or nuisances	..	..	..	55
Number of premises disinfected	..	..	..	2
Number of water samples for examination :	public	..	..	32
	private	..	..	68
Number of wells closed	..	..	..	1
Number of wells cleansed, repaired or deepened	..	..	..	4
Number of new houses connected to water mains	..	..	..	120
Number of water certificates granted (Rural District only)	..	..	..	Nil
Number of seizures or surrenders of unsound or diseased food	..	..	..	76
Number of conservancy closets replaced by W.C's	..	..	..	53
Number of slaughterhouses on register	..	..	..	1
visits	..	..	..	208
Piggeries. Number of inspections	..	..	..	6
Number of retail dairies in district	..	..	..	7
inspections	..	..	..	24

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	45	21	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	56	27	—	—

2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Insufficient and unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences —
One (Remedied)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — One (Making of wearing apparel)

